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Pet Travel: Japan

Download the file needed to get your animal into the country

- Go to www.aphis.usda.gov and follow the links in the left column – please note our website is undergoing constant change and previously bookmarked links very well may not work – at the time of preparing this document the link **here** takes you directly to the animal export IREGS.
- Click on Japan, Select the Pet category and follow the links.

Complete the following in the exact order listed

- The pet must be microchipped (an ISO compatible chip or the importer must provide a microchip reader).
- The pet must be vaccinated twice against rabies **after** the microchip is implanted.
- The pet must have a rabies titer test (FAVN) completed **after** the microchip has been implanted and **after** the two rabies vaccination.
- **EXCEPTION:** Microchip implantation can occur on the day of or before the 2nd vaccination if the 1st rabies vaccination was given before the microchip, and the titer was collected on the day of administration of the 2nd vaccination.

Japan's Requirements

- The first vaccination must be given after the animal is at least 91 days of age.
- The second vaccination must be given at least 31 days after the first vaccination and before the expiration date of the first vaccination.
- Rabies titer test (FAVN) must be completed at Kansas State University or the DOD laboratory. Titer must be more than 180 days old but less than 2 years old at the time of arrival.
- Notify Japanese Animal Quarantine at least 40 days prior to the arrival date.

Documents required by the USDA's Office:

- Completed Quarantine Form A and forms C1/3, C2/3 and C3/3. Forms may be found at the following website: <http://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/english/animal/dog/import-other.html#recommended> We recommend Forms A & C be issued within 10 days of travel.
- Two signed Rabies Vaccination certificates (corresponding to the two required vaccinations) with the following information:
 - a. Complete description of the animal (name, breed, sex, age, color, DOB)
 - b. Date vaccination was given and the date the next vaccination is due.
 - c. Vaccine manufacturer, product name, and vaccine lot number.
 - d. Microchip Number.
 - e. Signature and license number of the vet who administered the vaccination.
- Results of the titer test. Microchip number must be listed on results.
- A signed **International Health Certificate for Small Animals (APHIS Form 7001) (optional - may be required by the airline)**. Contact your airline representative to find out if this form is required.

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Fee Schedule for Endorsement by USDA

- Japanese certificate: \$121.00 for the set of forms (A, C1, C2, C3).
- Each additional Japanese certificate for the same owner: \$7.00
- No charge for the APHIS Form 7001 (normally \$38.00) submitted with the certificate.

Make checks and money orders payable to: USDA APHIS. All credit cards are accepted. We do not accept cash. Please include a driver's license number on all checks.

Send your certificate(s) and payment to:

USDA, APHIS VS, 903 San Jacinto Blvd, Export Section, Room 262, Austin, TX 78701

ONLY SEND CERTIFICATES HERE IF SIGNED BY A TEXAS VETERINARIAN

Completed certificates will be returned to you by regular mail unless a prepaid, preaddressed, (addressed from you to you), air bill is provided. **WE CANNOT ACCEPT A HANDWRITTEN LABEL UNLESS THERE IS AN ACCOUNT NUMBER LISTED FOR PAYMENT.** Always keep the tracking numbers so you can check with the delivery service to find out the status of your documents.

Walk-ins

We accept walk-ins between 7:30am and 11:30am. We can also either call you when your documents are completed or you may leave a prepaid, pre-addressed return air bill. Our office is open from 7:30am to 4:00pm M-F.

Contact Information – TEXAS CLIENTS ONLY!

Phone: 512-383-2411 Fax: 512 -916-5591 E-mail: expcerttx@aphis.usda.gov

Website: [click here](#) (if the link doesn't work please contact us for a current link)

If you are in another state, please click [here](#) to locate correct contact information.

Miscellaneous Information

- If there are problems with your documents we will contact your veterinarian, USDA personnel will only contact the pet owner if we are unable to resolve the problem.
- Your pet will be allowed entry into Japan 180 days, but not more than 2 years, **after** the titer blood draw date. If you have a second titer done **PRIOR TO** the "expiration" of the first titer, and if there has been no lapse in the rabies vaccinations, the waiting period is waived.
- Home quarantine information for US SOFA status personnel can be found at <http://www.usarj.army.mil/organization/vet/index/htm>
- A recombinant vaccine may be used.